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SETTING UP OF LIBRARIES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the state-wise number and other details of libraries in the country;

(b) the details of libraries established during the last three years;

(c) the State-wise details of funds released for the development of the aforesaid libraries during the last three years;

(d) whether there is any new scheme for the development of the said libraries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)and (b): State −wise number and the details of libraries in the country is not maintained in the Ministry.

(c) State-wise & Scheme wise assistance rendered by Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, an autonomous organization of the Ministry of Culture, is enclosed to this reply at Annexure I.

(d) Ministry of Culture has proposed the setting up of a `National Mission on Libraries`, which has recently received in-principle approval of the Planning Commission.Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation has proposed two new schemes during the XI Plan period.

(e) The details of National Mission on Libraries and two Schemes of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation are enclosed at Annexure II.